

THE PLOT OF THE PLAY, CALLED ENGLANDS JOY.

To be Playd at the Swan this 6. of Nouember. 1602.



FIRST, there is induc't by shew and in Action, the ciuill warres of England from *Edward* the third, to the end of *Queene Maries* raigne, with the ouerthrow of *Vsurpation*.

2 Secondly then the entrance of *Englands Ioy* by the Coronation of our Soueraigne Lady *Elizabeth*, her Throne attended with peace, Plenty, and ciuill Pollicy: A sacred Prelate standing at her right hand, betokening the Serenity of the Gospell: At her left hand Iustice: And at her feet Warre, with a Scarlet Roabe of peace vpon his Armour: A wreath of Bayes about his temples, and a braunch of Palme in his hand.

3 Thirdly is dragd in three Furies, presenting *Dissention*, *Famine*, and *Bloudshed*, which are throwne downe into hell.

4 Fourthly is exprest vnder the person of a Tyrant, the enuy of *Scotye*, who to shew his cruelty causeth his Souldiers dragge in a beautifull Lady, whome they mangle and wound, tearing her garments and Jewels from off her: And to leane her bloody, with her hayre about her shoulders, lying vpon the ground. To her come certaine Gentlemen, who seeing her pitious dispoymment, turne to the Throne of England, from whence one descendeth, taketh vp the Lady, wipeth her eyes, bindeth vp her woundes, giueth her treasure, and bringeth forth a band of Souldiers, who attend her forth: This Lady presenteth *Belgia*.

5 Fifthly, the Tyrant more enraged, taketh counsell, sends forth letters, priuie Spies, and secret vnderminers, taking their othes, and giuing them bagges of treasure. These signifie *Lepers*, and certaine Iesuites, who afterwarde, when the Tyrant lookes for an answer from them, are shewed to him in a glasse with halters about their neckes, which makes him mad with fury.

6 Sixtly, the Tyrant seeing all secret meanes to fayle him, intendeth open violence and inuasion by the hand of Warre, whereupon is set forth the battle at Sea in 88. with *Englands* victory.

7 Seuenthly, hee complotteth with the Irish rebelles, wherein is layd open the base ingratitude of *Tyrone*, the landing there of *Don Iohn de Aquila*, and their dissipation by the wisedome and valour of the Lord *Mountjoy*.

8 Eightly, a great triumph is made with fighting of twelue Gentlemen at Barriers, and sundrie rewards sent from the Throne of England, to all sortes of well deseruers.

9 Lastly, the Nine Worthies, with seuerall Coronets, present themselves before the Throne, which are put backe by certaine in the habite of Angels, who set vpon the Ladies head, which represents her Maiestie, an Imperiall Crowne, garnished with the *Sunne*, *Moon* and *Starres*; And so with Musicke both with voyce and Instruments shee is taken vp into Heauen, when presently appeares, a Throne of blessed Soules, and beneath vnder the Stage set forth with strange fireworkes, diuers blacke and damned Soules, wonderfully discribed in their seuerall torments.

